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(54) **Mesothelial cell gene therapy**

(57) Methods and pharmaceutical compositions for
modifying the mesothelial cells of a mammalian recipi-
ent *in situ* are provided. The methods include forming a
mesothelial cell expression system *n vivo* or *ex vivo* and

administering the expression system to the mammalian
recipient (by way of the body cavities normally lined by
mesothelial cells). The mesothelial cell expression sys-
tem is useful for the localized and systemic delivery of
therapeutic agents *in situ*.

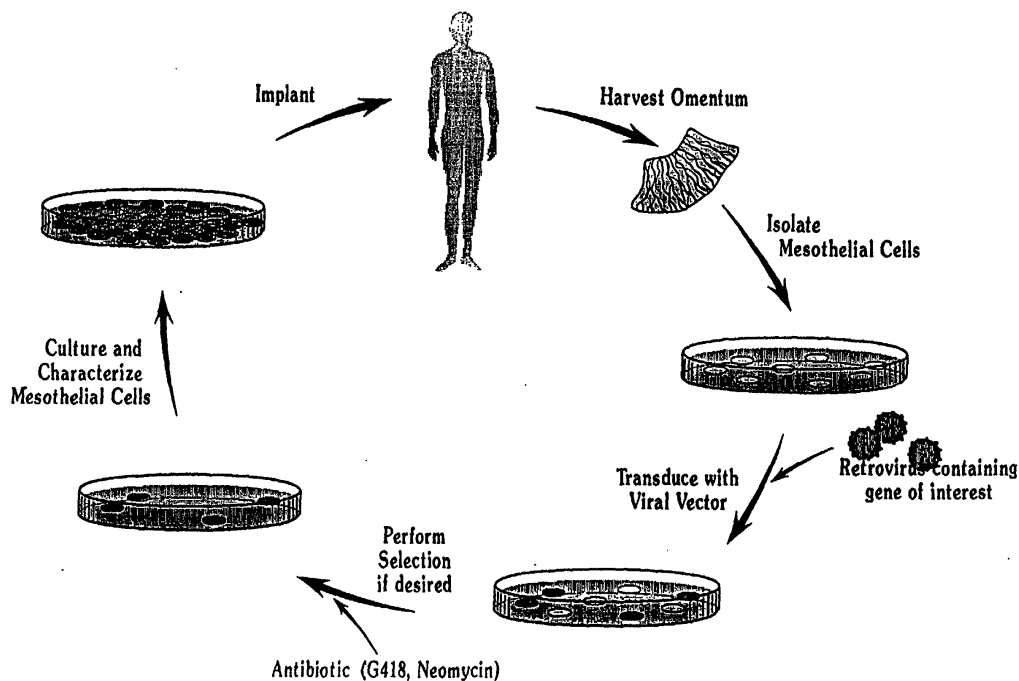


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